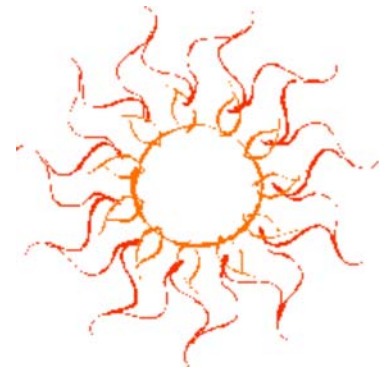




July 2007 Newsletter

Summer Activities in the San Jose Area...

Children need to take part in activities throughout the summer to keep their minds sharp and their bodies healthy. This month the Office of Assemblymember Coto has highlighted summer opportunities for families in and near San Jose. Listed below are a variety of activities available in the area for families along with a few tips to ensure you have a safe and fun summer.



Coto Summer Tips

Make Academics a part of summer fun

- Set aside time for your children to read everyday during the summer break to sharpen their skills and help them develop reading as a life long activity
- Take the opportunity over the summer to take your children to a museum, cultural center or educational type exhibit

Pool Safety

- Never leave children alone in or near the pool, even for a moment
- Caution your children to not swallow pool water. In fact, tell them to try to avoid getting any pool water in their mouth

Fun in the Sun

- Apply sunscreen (SPF 30) at least 30 minutes before going outside, and use sunscreen even on cloudy days

Travel Safety

- Put your child in the back seat. It is the safest place in the car
- Keep supplies with you, such as snacks and water

Free Activities!

San Jose Public Library

San Jose libraries are a great place to take children during the summer. They have an incredible number of resources - books, CD's and computers. Many offer special activities and story time. For more specific information on summer activities or story time or if



you have any questions call your local library or visit
<http://www.sjlibrary.org/index.htm>.

**Almaden Branch Library**

6445 Camden Ave.
San José, CA 95120
(408) 808-3040
<http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations/almaden/index.htm>

Hours:

Monday 2:00 PM - 7:00 pm
Tuesday - Wednesday 11:00 am - 8:00pm
Thursday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday Closed

Alviso Branch Library

5050 North First St.
San José, CA 95002
(408) 263-3626
<http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations/alviso/index.htm>

Hours:

Monday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Tuesday - Wednesday 11:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Thursday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday Closed

Berryessa Branch Library

3355 Noble Ave.
San José, CA 95132
(408) 808-3050
<http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations/berryessa/index.htm>

Hours:

Monday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Tuesday - Wednesday 11:00 pm - 8:00pm
Thursday - Saturday 10:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Biblioteca Latinoamericana Branch Library

921 South First St.
San José, CA 95110
(408) 294-1237 <http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations/biblioteca/index.htm>

Hours:

Monday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Tuesday - Wednesday 11:00 am - 8:00pm
Thursday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday Closed

Educational Park Branch Library

1770 Educational Park Dr.
San José, CA 95133
(408) 272-3663
(408) 272-3662 (Recording)
http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations/ed_park/index.htm

Hours:

Monday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Tuesday - Wednesday 11:00 am - 8:00pm
Thursday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday Closed

Evergreen Branch Library

2635 Aborn Rd.
San José, CA 95121
(408) 808-3060
<http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations/evergreen/index.htm>

Hours:

Monday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Tuesday - Wednesday 11:00 am - 8:00pm
Thursday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday Closed

Hillview Branch Library

1600 Hopkins Dr.
San José, CA 95122
(408) 808-3033
<http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations/hillview/index.htm>

Hours:

Monday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Tuesday - Wednesday 11:00 am - 8:00pm
Thursday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday Closed

Rose Garden Branch Library

1580 Naglee Ave.
San José, CA 95126
(408) 808-3070
<http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations/rosegarden/index.htm>

Hours:

Monday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Tuesday - Wednesday 11:00 am - 8:00pm
Thursday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday Closed

Calabazas Branch Library

1230 Blaney Ave.
San José, CA 95129
(408) 996-1536
(408) 996-1535 (Recording)
<http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations/calabazas/index.htm>

Hours:

Monday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Tuesday - Wednesday 11:00 am - 8:00pm
Thursday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday Closed

Cambrian Branch Library

1780 Hillsdale Ave.
San José, CA 95124
(408) 808-3080
<http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations/cambrian/index.htm>

Hours:

Monday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Tuesday - Wednesday 11:00 am - 8:00pm
Thursday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday Closed

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

150 E. San Fernando St.
San José, CA 95112
(408) 808-2000
<http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations/king/index.htm>

Hours:**May 25, 2007 - August 21, 2007**

Monday - Wednesday 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Thursday - Saturday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Dr. Roberto Cruz Alum Rock Branch Library

3090 Alum Rock Ave.
San José, CA 95127
(408) 808-3090 http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations/alum_rock/index.htm

Hours:**May 25, 2007 - August 21, 2007**

Monday - Wednesday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Thursday - Saturday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

East San Jose Carnegie Branch Library

1102 E. Santa Clara St.
San José, CA 95116
(408) 998-2069
<http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations>

Santa Teresa Branch Library

290 International Circle
San José, CA 95119
(408) 281-1879
(408) 281-1878 (Recording)
http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations/santa_teresa/index.htm

Hours:

Monday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Tuesday - Wednesday 11:00 am - 8:00pm
Thursday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday Closed

Seventrees Branch Library

3597 Cas Dr.
San José, CA 95111
(408) 629-4536
(408) 629-4535 (Recording)
<http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations/seventrees/index.htm>

Hours:

Monday 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Tuesday - Wednesday 11:00 am - 8:00 pm
Thursday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday Closed

Tully Community Branch Library

880 Tully Rd.
San José, CA 95111
(408) 808-3030
<http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations/tully/index.htm>

Hours:

Monday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Tuesday - Wednesday 11:00 am - 8:00pm
Thursday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Vineland Branch Library

1450 Blossom Hill Rd.
San José, CA 95118
(408) 808-3000
<http://www.sjlibrary.org/about/locations/vineland/index.htm>

Hours:

Monday 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Tuesday - Wednesday 11:00 am - 8:00 pm
Thursday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

West Valley Branch Library

1243 San Tomas Aquino Rd.
San José, CA 95117
(408) 244-4766
(408) 244-4747 (Recording)

/east_carnegie/index.htm

Hours:

May 25, 2007 - August 21, 2007

Monday - Wednesday 8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Thursday - Saturday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

<http://www.sjlibrary.org/about>

/locations/west_valley/index.htm

Hours:

Monday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Tuesday - Wednesday 11:00 am - 8:00pm

Thursday - Saturday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm



San Pedro Square Movie Night



For more information:

(408)279-1775 ext 43 and 45.

http://www.cinequest.org/festival_info/cinemaSanPedro.php

Get out of the heat! Friends and family can kick back and relax as you cozy up on your lawn chair in the cool summer air to watch a great movie. Starting June 20 through August 29, Cinequest is providing short films and entertainment. All screenings are free. It's a great event for all.

Movie Schedule

July 11-Blue Hawaii (1961) PG

Starring: Elvis Presley and Angela Lansbury

July 18-Old School (2003) R

Starring: Luke Wilson, Vince Vaughn and Will Ferrell

July 25-Goldfinger (1964) PG

Starring: Sean Connery and Gert Frobe

August 1-Rocky (1976) PG

Starring: Sylvester Stallone and Talia Shire

Beer and wine will be available starting at 7:30 p.m. (Cinema San Pedro only)

pre-show begins at 8:00 p.m. and the films begin at dusk.

Visit one of San Jose's Historical Sites



Japantown, also known as Nihonmachi or J-Town, is the portion of San Jose, bounded by 1st street to the west, 8th street to the east, Jackson



Street to the south and Taylor Street to the north; it is just north of Downtown San Jose. The area was home to many Japanese Americans who settled in the area after returning from relocation camps in World War II, and is today one of only three California State Legislation designated authentic Japantowns, making this historical gem of San Jose a hot spot destination for the whole family.

Home to fine traditional Japanese dining at reasonable prices, the town boasts a collection of bookstores, art destinations, a karaoke bar and a lounge for the weekend goers. This summer, be sure to catch the free events and don't forget to stroll around one of San Jose's most historical sites.

Free Events in Japan Town

Obon Festival - Japan Town

5th and Jackson, July 14-15th

The 72nd annual San Jose Obon Festival will be celebrated July 14 and 15, 2007 in Japantown. Presented by the San Jose Buddhist Church Betsuin, the free outdoor festival offers a rich cultural experience complete with traditional dance, food, music and games.

On this occasion you'll be witness to the amazing site of over 700 dancers, dressed in traditional kimonos or hapi coats, dancing under colorful lanterns around an outdoor pavilion. Everyone is welcome to join in the festivities ... and the dance! Adults and children can expect to enjoy a variety of food and entertainment. The family can partake in Japanese and American favorites such as sushi, beef and chicken teriyaki, gyoza, udon, tempura, corn on the cob and strawberry shortcake. They can also browse books and purchase fresh flowers or hear folk stories and play carnival games. In addition San Jose Taiko as always, will deliver a powerful, rhythmic drum performance on each festival day.

"In the Buddhist tradition, Obon is a time to reunite with loved ones," said Michael Jones, president, San Jose Church Betsuin. "Our annual San Jose Obon Festival, held in one of the three remaining Japantowns in the United States, offers a weekend of fun for the whole family."

Japantown Certified Farmers' Market

Jackson Street between 6th and 7th Streets, directly in front of Miraido Village

SUNDAY mornings from 8:30 to noon

Fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers are available for sale or viewing.

San Jose Taiko

Families can see San Jose Taiko practices at their rehearsal hall, Japantown's historic Okida Hall, on 6th Street just south of Jackson. A short walk from great dining, visitors can hear the drumming as they stroll on by. Step in for a sneak peek of the team's rehearsals, every Tuesday and Thursday from 7pm - 9pm; and a chance to purchase their CD or sign up for classes.

Remember that these are rehearsals, so be mindful not to interrupt or be obtrusive.

For a listing of performances contact San Jose Taiko at 408-293-9344 or visit www.taiko.org

Chinese Cultural Gardens



2145 McKee Rd.,
San Jose, California;



Tel. 408.251.3323

<http://www.chineseculturalgarden.org/>

A partnership with the City of San José transformed six acres of Overfelt Gardens into a delightful setting of traditional Chinese culture, philosophy and architecture. The Chinese Cultural Garden represents the untiring efforts of Mr. Lowe and Dr. Chen Li-Fu of Taiwan plus many other citizens who saw the wisdom and value of

this cultural collaboration for future generations, believing in the fulfillment of a dream that would advance peace and harmony. A 30-foot high bronze and marble statue of big-thinker Confucius forms the centerpiece of the Chinese Cultural Gardens inside Overfelt Gardens Park in San Jose. Overfelt Gardens is a garden sanctuary for plant, wildlife and the quiet contemplation and enjoyment of nature in the urban setting. It is a place where all ages can experience the unending lessons of diversity and nature, and where shared visions are renewed through the appreciation celebration and enrichment of community life.

Open daily 10am to sunset

Activities Costing \$15 and under



Emma Prusch Farm Park

647 S. King Road
San José, Ca 95116

<http://www.pruschfarmpark.org/>

Families can enjoy the historical structures and the farm animals. You can picnic with your family and friends, while the children interact with farm animals and play in

the playground.

The following summer camps are available for kids:

- Down on the Farm
- Summer Space Odyssey
- International Flair
- Insect A-Mania ... and much more!

Feed the Farm Animals is offered one Saturday a month. For this evWent there is a \$3.00 registration fee per child. First come, first serve.

Contact the park to enroll your child



Happy Hollow Park and Zoo

1300 Senter Road
San Jose, CA 95112
(408)277-3000

<http://www.happyhollowparkandzoo.org/>

Since 1961 Happy Hollow Park and Zoo has brought education and fun for the family. The Zoo provides hands on experience with animals and educates visitors on the importance of securing endangered species. This is a great place for all ages, particularly the 2-10 year olds. From puppet shows to children rides, Happy Hollow will create smiles and memorable experiences for families.

FREE Admission to Happy Hollow Park and Zoo TM

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

One can or box of food per person equals Free Admission for the day! Gates open at 10:00am and Admission includes all rides, puppet shows, and both Park and Zoo adventures.

Food will be donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Preferred items include: canned tuna, powdered milk, canned stews and beans, peanut butter, pasta, and chili.

[Where Animals Call Home - Animal Show](#)

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

2 shows: 11:00am and 1:00pm

Join wildlife presenters, Conservation Ambassadors, for an interactive animal show. Take an imaginary trip around the world to discover the habitats and niches that some animals call home. Learn what they eat and how they survive in our ever-changing world.

San José History Park



1650 Senter Rd.

San José Ca 95112

(408) 287-2290

http://www.historysanjose.org/visiting_hsj/history_park/

San José History Park provides innovative regional history of the city. Come and ride the trolley as you learn about San José's history.

Admission is free

Parking is \$6

San José Giants

San José Municipal Stadium

588 East Alma Avenue

San Jose, CA 95112

(408) 297-1435

www.sjgiants.com



The San José Giants are a minor league professional baseball team in the class A Advanced California League. The Giants afford thousands of San José residents the opportunity to bring their families to watch a national pastime at a fraction of the cost of a major league game.

Single game tickets: \$6 - \$16 For more information on group packages visit the website.



Rosicrucian Egyptian Museum & Planetarium

1342 Naglee Ave

San José, CA 95191

(408) 947-3636

<http://www.egyptianmuseum.org/>

Families can explore ancient Egypt's captivating view of the afterlife with mummies, jars, carved hieroglyphics and statues of Egyptian Gods. This fascinating museum houses the largest collection of Egyptian Artifacts. Come and explore the history of Egypt through planetarium shows or weekend workshop series. On the second Saturday of each month, the museum offers a presentation on the history of cosmetics in ancient Egypt, including how and why certain minerals were used, and how other nearby cultures influenced cosmetics in the region. You will also be able to experience first-hand the techniques and application of cosmetics handmade by museum volunteers and staff. Visit the website to take an online Museum tour and discover the features of Egyptian history.

Museum Admissions:

\$9.00 general admission
\$7.00 seniors/students w/ I.D.
\$5.00 children ages 5 - 10
FREE for children under 5

The Tech Museum of Innovation

201 South Market Street
San Jose, CA 95113
(408) 294-TECH
<http://www.thetech.org/>



The Tech Museum of Innovations provides a hands-on technology and science museum is for people of all ages and backgrounds. It's a great place for families as they explore the tech highlights and interactive exhibits. This truly memorable experience allows you to zoom through the process of DNA and experience the IMAX Theater.

<u>Ticket Type</u>	<u>Price</u>
Museum + 1 IMAX	\$8.00
Additional IMAX	\$4.00
IMAX DMR© Feature Film	\$10.00

Children Discovery Museum of San Jose

Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose
180 Woz Way San Jose, CA 95110
408-298-5437 (phone) 408-298-6826 (Fax)
<http://www.cdm.org/>



The Museum's exhibit philosophy is rooted in its mission and responds to the distinctive need for children to learn through concrete interactions - touching, exploring, manipulating and experimenting. Over 28,000 square feet of semi-permanent and traveling exhibits address the educational and cultural needs of CDM's audience through the themes of Connections, Community and Creativity.

Adult (18-59): \$8 Child (1-17): \$8
Senior (60+): \$7 Infant (under 1 year): Free

Keep Cool and Healthy this Summer!! Go for a Swim at the Neighborhood Pool

Public Pools in San Jose

San Jose State University Aquatic Center

Pool Address: At the corner E. San Carlos St.
& S. 8th St.
San Jose, CA 95192
Phone: (408) 924-6341
Visitors: \$3
Membership: \$25/month

Piedmont Hills High School

1377 Piedmont Rd.
San Jose, CA 95132
408-277-2291
Minimum Height Requirement: 48"
Recreation Swim

M/W : 7am to 8pm
T/Th: 7am to 10pm
Friday: 7am to 7pm
Sat/Sun: 10am to 5pm

Del Mar High School

1224 Del Mar Avenue
San Jose, CA 95128
(408) 277-2291
Minimum Height Requirement: 42"
Recreation Swim
Monday- Friday: 2:00-4:00pm
\$2 per visit or \$30 for a 20 visit pass

Fair Swim Center

1350 Bacchus Dr.
San Jose, CA 95122
(408) 277-2291
Minimum Height Requirement: 36"
Recreation Swim
Monday through Saturday: 12:45-3:45pm
Tuesday and Friday: 7:00-8:30pm
Cost: \$2 per person or \$30 for a 20 visit pass

Peter Burnett Pool

850 N. 2nd St.
San Jose, CA 95112
Minimum Height Requirement: 42"
Recreation Swim
Monday-Friday: 2:00-4:00pm
Tuesday and Friday: 7:30-9:00pm
Saturday: 2:00-4:00pm
Cost: \$2 per visit or \$30 for a 20 visit pass

Monday thru Saturday: 1:00-3:00pm
Tuesday and Friday: 7:00-8:30pm
Cost: \$2 per visit or \$30 for a 20 visit pass

Santa Teresa High School

6150 Snell Ave
San Jose, CA 95123
408-277-2291
Minimum Height Requirement: 48"
Recreation Swim
Monday thru Friday: 1:00-3:00pm
Saturday: 12:00-4:00pm
Cost: \$2 per visit or \$30 for a 20 visit pass

Silver Creek High School

3434 Silver Creek Rd
San Jose, CA 95121
408-277-2291
Minimum Height Requirement: 48"
Recreation Swim
Monday-Saturday: 1:00-3:00pm
Tuesday and Friday: 7:00-8:30pm
Cost: \$2 per visit or \$30 for a 20 visit pass

Willow Glen Middle School

2105 Cottle Ave
San Jose, CA 95125
(408) 277-2291
Minimum Height Requirement: 48"
Recreation Swim
Monday thru Saturday: 1:00-3:00pm
Tuesday and Friday: 7:00-8:30pm
Cost: \$2 per visit or \$30 for a 20 visit pass



The GILROY GARLIC FESTIVAL in Gilroy, California!!



Where else can one feast on food laced with over two tons of fresh garlic, enjoy three stages of musical entertainment, shop in arts and crafts, view the great garlic cook-off and other celebrity cooking demonstrations, spend time in the children's area, visit interactive displays set up by many of our

sponsors, soak up some glorious sunshine, and mingle with a fun bunch of garlic-loving people'

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a "seasoned" veteran, the Gilroy Garlic Festival is always a *fun and fragrant experience*. Over 3 million honored guests have made the pilgrimage.

General Admission: \$12

Children/Youth: \$6

For more information <http://www.gilroygarlicfestival.com/>

Major Attractions - \$20 and up



Winchester Mystery House

525 S. Winchester Blvd

San José, CA 95128

<http://www.winchestermysteryhouse.com/>

This haunted 160 room Victorian mansion from the 1800's, built by the Winchester Rifle heiress, has many unexplained stories. Mrs. Winchester believed that there were evil spirits in the house and the only way to get rid of them was to continue building. It's a great time for family and friends to have a scare. The Mystery House provides an array of tours to suit the taste of every ghost hunter, so prices will vary and be sure to check out their website for more information.

Adults (Ages 13-64): \$20.95-\$28.95

Seniors (Ages 65+): \$19.95-\$25.95

Children (Ages 6-12): \$19.95-\$25.95

Raging Waters San Jose

2333 South White Road

San Jose, CA 95148

(408) 238-9900



<http://www.rwsplash.com/>

This is Northern California's largest water park where families and friends of all ages wait in line to have water fun. Raging Waters features many thrilling and family attractions for the San José community. From celebrating your birthday or catered picnics, Raging Waters brings families and friends together with its interactive fun!

One Day Admission Tickets:

- General Admission \$27.99
- Junior Admission (under 48") \$21.99
- Senior Admission (age 55+) \$17.99
- Age 2 and under Free





Paramount's Great America

P. O. Box 1776

Santa Clara, CA 95052

(408) 988-1776 x8858

<http://www1.cedarfair.com/greatamerica/index.cfm>

Families can enjoy the exhilaration of roller coasters and water rides at this amusement park, along with live shows, Kidzville, Nickelodeon Central and family rides and much more.

General Admission

Adult

ages 3 -61 and 48" and taller \$49.95

Junior/Senior

ages 3-61 and 48"and under, ages 62+ \$29.95

Season Pass : WOW Card

Adult

\$51.95

Ages 3-61 and 48" and taller

Junior and Senior

\$34.95

ages 3-61 and 48" and under, ages 62+

Gilroy Gardens

3050 Hecker Pass Hwy

(Hwy 152)

Gilroy, CA 95020

(408) 840-7100



<http://www.gilroygardens.org/>

The park is designed to educate guests and to foster a greater appreciation of horticulture. The Park features over forty rides, attractions, educational exhibits and majestic gardens. Enjoy a family fun time with Gilroy Gardens beautiful garden settings.

General Admission

Ages 7-64yrs \$39.99

Ages 3-6yrs \$29.99

Ages 65+yrs \$29.99

2007 Premium Pass (unlimited admission for 2007)

Family and Friends \$59.99

(purchase 4 or more)

Individual Pass

\$69.99

(purchase 3 or less)

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